



Cincinnati Police Department STAFF NOTES

February 14, 2006

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief



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1. 2006 FINE ARTS FUND

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes is a letter signed by Chief Streicher, Fraternal Order of Police President Kathleen Harrell, and Sentinels President Gene Seay encouraging all employees to donate to the 2006 Fine Arts Fund. Donation forms will be disseminated in each district/section/unit this week.

2. ANTENNA TOWER LIGHTS

Police Communications Section previously had the responsibility for ensuring the Eden Park and Wardall Avenue radio tower lights were functioning. Due to the implementation of the 800 MHz radio system, Communications Technology Section Radio Shop has assumed this responsibility.

Police Department personnel are no longer required to check the Eden Park and Wardall Avenue tower lights.

3. UNINTENTIONAL TASER CARTRIDGE DISCHARGE

Recently there was an unintentional discharge of a spare Taser cartridge contained in the spare cartridge portal on the bottom of the Taser battery. It is believed that the discharge was the result of static electricity.

Newer X26 Taser batteries have a static electricity guard in the spare cartridge portal preventing static electricity from causing a discharge. To determine whether you have the new battery with the static electricity guard, officers should remove the spare cartridge from the portal and examine the portal to see if it has a metal strip running along the bottom of the battery. Batteries with the metal strip are the newer batteries with the static electricity guard.

If the battery does not have the metal strip, the battery must be replaced. Taser International is currently in the process of supplying the Police Department with additional new batteries containing the static electricity guard. Once received, Tactical Planning Unit will put out information on the process for exchanging old batteries for new ones.

Until sufficient new batteries are received, officers with the old batteries should keep their hands away from the battery, especially if experiencing static cling in their clothing. Officers are also cautioned not to store spare cartridges in a coat or pants pocket.

4. 29th ANNUAL MERCY HEART MINI-MARATHON

The 29th annual Mercy Heart Mini-Marathon will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2006. This event includes the 15K Heart Mini-Marathon, a 5K HeartRun, a 5K and 10K Heartwalk, and a 2K Kids Mini-MaraFUN. The Police Department is one of the event sponsors and is receiving a limited number of free registrations for the event.

Registration forms are available only to Department employees and will be distributed on first come, first served basis.

For additional information or registration forms, contact Lieutenant Kurt Byrd, Public Information Office, at 352-3515. Registration forms must be submitted to Lieutenant Byrd by March 1, 2006, in order to be eligible for a team t-shirt.

5. THANK YOU LETTERS

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes are several letters of appreciation and praise written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by our Department and specifically the following officers:

Sergeant Joe Milek
Police Officer Steve Fromhold

Police Specialist John Brehm

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental
Correspondence Sheet

Date February 14, 2006

To All Fellow Employees
From Lt. Colonel Vincent L. Demasi, 2006 Fine Arts Coordinator
Copies to
Subject 2006 Fine Arts Fund

Did you know that over 500,000 children living within our community benefited from your contributions to the Fine Arts Fund last year? When you contribute to the Fine Arts Fund you sustain a long tradition of support for the arts organizations of Greater Cincinnati. The Fine Arts Fund strengthens the arts for a greater Cincinnati through united fundraising, support service, and responsible investment and allocation of resources. Hence your donations last year, as in years prior, were used, in part, to allow children access to museums and other performances.

I have been given the task this year to serve as the chairperson for the 2006 Fine Arts Fund. I know many different organizations compete for your hard earned dollars. However, I cannot think of any donation you could make that would so positively affect our local community and especially so many children.

The Cincinnati Police Department's 2006 Fine Arts Fund campaign has just kicked off its fundraising efforts and I hope you will participate in this event. Your contribution to the campaign helps to fund more than 80 arts groups throughout our region and bring events into our neighborhoods.

The Fine Arts Fund has a proven track record of success, which is only possible through our support. I hope you will join me in giving to the Fine Arts Fund. And if you give \$75 or more, you can receive the Fine Arts FUN Card! This discount card allows you to enjoy the arts and save money at the same time!

Go to www.fineartsfund.org to find out more about the FUN Card.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas H. Streicher, Jr." in a cursive style.

Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
Police Chief

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen M. Harrell" in a cursive style.

Kathleen M. Harrell
FOP President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gene A. Seay" in a cursive style.

Gene A. Seay
Sentinels President

Please ensure inclusion in staff notes with my personal thanks for continued excellence and dedication to duty.

THS

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am forwarding on copies of the letters I sent to Chief Streicher, Cincinnati Enquirer and Cincinnati Post. I want you to be aware that our Cincinnati Police Department is out there working very hard for the people of Cincinnati. Not only has Officer Fromhold done outstanding work but so has Officer Brehm from District 3. He is working on the theft case right now and also has been nothing but wonderful. With so many critical things said about our police department I want to pass on a positive side as so many times only the negative is said and the positive is kept silent.

Thank you for your time,

Tracey Fair

Letter to Cincinnati Enquirer:

I would like to tell you about how Cincinnati police Officer Fromhold helped me. My car was stolen from my driveway on Feb 7th at 3am. I called the police and made my report. Never did I think they would find my car or find in such a timely manner. Office Fromhold found my car 22 hours later at 1am this morning Feb 8th. I found out with talking to Officer Fromhold, as we were at my car this morning, that he alone had found around 150 stolen car's last year and starting off this year the same way with finding my car. I can't say enough about the hard work that he has done and keeps on doing. With so many negative things said about Cincinnati Police I would like to say something nice. I need to say "Thank You" to Officer Fromhold and all the hard work that all the Cincinnati police officer's have done for me the last 24 hours.

Letter to Chief Streicher:

Dear Chief Streicher,

I am writing this letter to inform you of the great job Officer Fromhold has done. My car was stolen from my driveway Feb. 7th at 3am, as my car was warming up. I called the police and made my report. I really didn't think they would find my car and if they did not in such a speedy time. Office Fromhold called me this morning at 1am on Feb. 8th to inform me he was sitting right behind my car. When I arrived he along with 2 other officers, 1 male and 1 female and I don't know their names, help me and my daughter recover my car and remove all the evidence that was left behind from whom ever stole the car. You should take pride in the fact that Office Fromhold could find my car within 24 hours of it being stolen. I can't say enough about how proud I am to have Cincinnati police watching out for me. Please take the time to thank Officer Fromhold and the other 2 police officers as I feel truly blessed to having them work for my city. We need to have more like Officer Fromhold as I feel he truly takes great pride in his job. My hats off to him!!!

Thank you for your time,

Tracey Fair



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February 1, 2006

Chief Tom Streicher Jr.
C/O Cincinnati Police Department
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Dear Chief Streicher:

Tom

As we prepare to conclude Task Force 05-8, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for supporting their important work. I hope the relationship has been as rewarding to you as it has been to my staff and me.

Since becoming Director of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission in April of 2004, I've had the opportunity to work with many fine police agencies and sheriff's offices around the state. I've also had the opportunity to work with many individual officers in their role as task force director. However, I have not worked with anyone more professional and dedicated to serving his community than Sergeant Joe Milek, the task force director for 05-8. Sgt. Milek and the officers assigned to this task force gave new meaning to the words cooperation and hard work.

I hope that you will keep the services OOCIC has to offer in mind should they be needed by your agency in the future. Again, it was a pleasure working with you, and I wish you nothing but the best in the future.

Respectfully,

Ken

Kenneth B. Marshall
Executive Director



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